









'Tommy' Burns, the well-known diver, was killed on the 6th July while diving from Rhyll pier.

SALES of Japanese War Bonds to foreigners up to the 28th July are said to reach a value of 1,800,000 yen.

AMERICAN mails are reported to be cutting in against the British and German goods in Japan. Large contracts are noted in Yokohama at a cheaper price than the old quotations.

THE master of the *Zemirinda* reports that Corredor light at the entrance to Manila Bay has been changed from the 1st of Aug. to one flash red and one flash white every ten seconds, between.

A PRIVATE match between seven of the stronger players of the Singapore Chess Club has resulted in a win for the Champion, Mr. P. A. Rautons, with 5 wins, Messrs P. McIntyre and T. R. Miles tie for second place with a score of 4 each.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, a money changer was convicted of the larceny of \$300, and sentenced to six months' hard labour. The money was stolen from his brother by means of a trick. Defendant told his brother that a friend of his had some Japanese yen to sell, and asked his brother to go to his employer—who was also related, being the uncle of the two men, and engaged as a money changer—and obtain a sum of \$300 to buy them. The money was obtained and passed from brother to brother in the shape of three \$100 notes. The defendant stated that his friend did not want notes of that description, but wanted notes of smaller denomination, and said he would go out and change them. He went out and did not return, and was afterwards arrested in a brothel with \$285 and a new watch in his possession.

TO-DAY, at the Magistrate, Mr. H. E. Woodhouse conducted an inquiry into the death of a Chinese patient at the Government Civil Hospital, who on 1st August threw himself from the verandah of the first floor of the Government Civil Hospital into a vacant piece of ground, and sustained injuries from which he died. The deceased was admitted to the Hospital suffering from a self-inflicted wound in the neck. Evidence was given to show that the deceased was insane, and on 20th July at half-past three o'clock he cut his throat with a small knife. He was removed to the Tung Wah Hospital, and from there to the Government Civil Hospital. From the evidence of Dr. Atkinson and a boy in charge of the ward in which deceased was placed it appeared that on 1st August the deceased had told a fellow-patient that he had seen the devil, and then, before the boy could stop him, he rushed out into the verandah, climbed the rail, and threw himself to the ground, a distance of about twenty-three feet. He was picked up and carried back to the hospital, where it was found he had sustained injuries to the back, and at five o'clock next morning he died from the effects of these injuries and the shock. The Magistrate returned a verdict of death occasioned by jumping from the first floor of the Government Civil Hospital, in which he was a patient, while in a state of mental aberration.

CAPT. Cass, of the steamer *Chelydra*, sends us a cutting from *The Statesman* giving a very full account of the *Aden* disaster written by a correspondent in Aden. The story has already been told, but we take the following extract as one more testimony to the heroic conduct of the lady survivors and as illustrating how Britishers can comfort themselves in the face of danger:—

Too much praise cannot be given to the two gallant and noble women of this little community, Mrs. Gillett especially, who was constituted head of the married quarters. She it was who looked after and served out the scanty provisions, and wounded badly in the leg and sore pressed as she was, worked unflinchingly for the good of all throughout that trying time. Her little daughter, Evelyn, won all their hearts by her obedience and simple obedience accepting everything without a murmur. Mrs. Pearce, in spite of all she had passed through, bore up with true womanly spirit, and assisted cheerfully, setting an example of patient fortitude. The men all proved themselves worthy of the name. More can scarcely be said. One incident is worthy of mention as perhaps surpassing all other records in the annals of loyalty. These poor sorely-tried people harassed, and sick as they were, battling for life, and not knowing at what moment the ship would break up and be engulfed in that seething cauldron, taking them all with her, loyally rose to their feet on the 22nd of June, and in their extreme allowance of soda and brandy, toasted their Queen and wished her a hearty 'God bless her.' Surely this above everything is true loyalty!

80 NEW FARRAR just arrived! Best makers. Also other and fashionable fashions, guaranteed for the autumn. W. Robinson & Co.

PRISON VICTOR Dhuleep Singh, who has been long prominent in London society, a son of the great Indian poet, Dhuleep Singh, who started the Young India movement, and who was stopped at the border of Canada and sent back to England, is expected to arrive in London.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, 3rd August, 1897.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

The Foreign Minister at Athens has declared that the King of Greece is prepared to abdicate in the event of the Powers instituting a control of the Greek finances.

THE TURKISH NAVY.

The Sultan has instituted a Naval Commission under his presidency, with the object of reviving Turkish Naval Power.

GREAT BRITAIN AND SIAM.

The King of Siam had a long conference with Lord Salisbury yesterday.

TYPHOON NOTICE.

The Spanish Consul courteously forwards to us the following telegram:—

Manila, 5th August.

The depression announced has crossed the Philippine Islands by the S. of Luzon in direction to the W.N.W., and it seems now to the S.W. of Manila near parallel 13°.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 4th at 4.30 p.m. The depression appears to be moving Westward and slowly approaching the E. coast of Luzon. On the 5th at 11.25 a.m. Except a slight rise on the S. coast of China, and a moderate fall at Boliney, barometric changes are unimportant. The depression appears to be lying over S.W. Luzon. The highest pressure, apparently, still covers the Pacific to the E. of the Loochoo Islands. Forecast:—fresh E. winds; showery and squally, fine intervals.

CABLE CHESS MATCH.

SINGAPORE & HONGKONG.

The following are the present positions in the Chess Match being played by cable between Hongkong and Singapore:—

GAME 1.—RUY LOPEZ.

White (Singapore). Black (Hongkong).

1. P-K4 P-K4

2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

3. B-K3 B-K3

4. P-Q4 P-Q4

5. Kt-Q2 Kt-Q2

6. P-QB3 P-QB3

7. P-B4 P-B4

8. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

9. Castles Castles

10. B-Q3 B-Q3

11. P-K4 P-K4

12. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

13. B-B4 B-B4

14. P-QB3 P-QB3

15. P-Kt4 P-Kt4

16. P-Q3 P-Q3

17. P-P P-P

18. Castles Castles

19. R-K5 R-K5

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CHESS COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY 'BLACK BISHOP.'

Communications should be addressed, 'CHINA MAIL OFFICE.'

Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.

The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from four till half-past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 54.

By EMILE PHAIDONAT.

Black (6 pieces).



White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 53 by S. Loyd.

1. P-K5. 2. P-B6.

Then if: 1. Kt (Bsq) moves 2. Q-K6.

1. Kt (R2) moves 2. Kt-K7.

1. Q moves 2. Kt-K7.

Hongkong, August 5.

The Chess Club's Tournament enters on its final stage to-day. Eleven rounds exhaust all the possible pairs to be formed from an entry of twelve players, but unfortunately all the six pairs games have not been played.

Distractions, pleasurable and otherwise, have interfered, and some members have been disputing themselves in the waves when duty called them to the chess-board. On the other hand, the fidelity and regularity of some has been most praiseworthy. Nothing has been set down on the Chess Club's programme to follow its tournament, and I do not think that the Secretary need be called upon to plan amusement for his masters for another month or so.

I understand that the Kobe Chess Club charges five yen for every game played in the Club-room, collecting the money from the loser and devoting it to a fund for the purchase of a Trophy. This is outrageous, and has obvious advantages. Some such scheme, if found practicable, would be found useful here, as great advantage would accrue from some register of all games played. Not only would such a register be consulted on questions of handicapping, but frequent mention in it would be a coveted honour leading to encourage regular attendance and careful play.

Meanwhile here is a suggestion. During the coming month let us arrange a match, say for the best of ten games, with some other player of his own calibre, and notify me of the arrangement. I shall be glad to publish every result and the score of any game with which I may be favoured. A player who does not wish to deteriorate in style should, among other things, keep a record of every move he makes. Only this is he able to replay his games, analyse and annotate them and preserve the errors and triumphs of the past as suggestions for the future. He can thus make the same trap catch different birds again and again.

The *Japan Mail* learns that, after the recent defeat of the Kobe Chess Club in the correspondence games with Mr. Jordan, two champions have come to do battle with the victorious Dane. Messrs Hazeland and Marshall have sent a challenge to Nagasaki for two simultaneous games: dictating the openings as Roy Lopez and French Defence, and the other as the defence. Mr. Jordan, in the true spirit of a chess player, has accepted the challenge; and the games are proceeding. We admire his pluck. Marshall we know, but who is Hazeland? Probably he will act as Secretary to the Kobe game and forward the moves which Marshall decides to make. At any rate we are in for a hot contest between the Lion of Scotland and the Viking. Once, the ex-champion of his native land, and the other the friend and pupil of the Danish masters Froen, Lorensen and Jespersen. Now we should love some Chess worth of record.

In reply to the question, who is Hazeland, I may say that Mr. J. Hazeland is a Hongkonger who went to Japan some years ago and was very favourably known here as a great player and a good fellow. He has recently been contributing to the Problem Section of the *Times Chess Column*.

Here is another specimen of Mr. Black-burne's skill in simultaneous play.

Games No. 134.

EVANS GAMBIT.

White. Black.

(Mr. Blackburne.) (Amateur.)

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2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

3. B-B4 B-B4

4. P-QKt4 P-QKt4

5. P-B4 P-B4

6. Castles Castles

7. P-Q4 P-Q4

8. B-R5 B-R5

9. P-K5 P-K5

10. R-K5 R-K5

11. B-Kt6 B-Kt6

12. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3

13. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3

14. QxP QxP

15. Q-R5 Q-R5

16. Q-Q4 Q-Q4

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